

are believed to have owned and cultivated landed property in what is now Travancore from early times. The first title-deed for a coffee estate appears to have been granted to a European on the 16th February, 1866. The first title-deed for an estate to be opened by Travancoreans was granted on the 11th September, 1869.

Renewal of the Bridge across the Pazhayar at the 9th mile.

61. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the renewal of the platform of the bridge at the 9th mile across the Pazhayar, K. I. P. Division, has been begun;

(b) the dates on which the estimate was submitted to the Government and sanctioned; and

(c) whether they are aware that the ryots of the surrounding places are put to difficulties for want of facilities for transporting manure, etc.?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (a) No, as the estimate was sanctioned only recently.

(b) 16th June, 1927, and 7th July, 1927, respectively.

(c) Yes.

Preparation of Copies of Records.

62. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*):

(1) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have fixed any maximum for the number of words to be written on each copying sheet in preparing attested copies of records in law courts, at the cost of applicants for the same;

(b) whether any minimum has been fixed for the number of words to be written on each such sheet; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the negative, the reason why no such minimum is fixed?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to enquire whether applicants for copies of records in law courts are very often put to great and unnecessary loss owing to the small number of words with which several copyists manage to fill up copying sheets?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to fix a minimum for the number of words to be written on each copying sheet?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) (a) and (b) and (3) The member is referred to Rule 761 of the *Civil Courts Guide*.

(1) (c) In view of answer to part (1) (b), this does not arise.

(2) If the member will quote specific instances, the matter will be enquired into.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): As regards the answer to part (1) (b), may I know whether I am right in my information that no minimum is now fixed although there is a maximum fixed as regards the words to be written on each page?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is the minimum that is fixed. The rule says that every page copied except the last page shall contain as nearly as possible 175 words.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): Is it minimum or maximum that is fixed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is the minimum. Every page shall contain not less than 175 words.

Roads in Pattanapuram Taluk.

63. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*): (1) Are the Government aware that vast tracts in Pattanapuram taluk are not served by roads and that the people of the taluk are clamouring for more roads?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to direct the Chief Engineer to make an investigation into the problem of opening more roads in the taluk?

(3) Will they be pleased to provide a substantial amount in the budget for 1103 for opening roads in the taluk?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) No. The taluk is fairly well served with means of communication. The member is referred to page 165 of the *Statistics* for 1101.

(2) Yes, if the member will specify the tract or tracts that require opening up.

(3) This does not arise in the light of the answers to parts (1) and (2) above.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*): Are the Government aware there are no cartable road from Pattanapuram and Pattazhi to Talavur and that the people have to take up circuitous routes to travel from these places?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer says that if the member will specify the tract or tracts that require opening up, that will be considered.

MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR (*Pattanapuram cum Shencotta*): I assert that there is no road with regard to these two places. I shall later on supply information in regard to other tracts. Will they be pleased to take note that there is no cartable road between these two places?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes that is noted.